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- 1. GOP INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO TRANSIT OF THOMAS WASHINGTON THROUGH PHILIPPINES OR STOPOVER AT CEBU. ALTHOUGH GOP HAS INFORMALLY REFERRED TO PASSAGE THROUGH "INTERNAL WATERS," IT HAS, AS LAST YEAR, DEVOTED ITS ATTENTION ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO OUR OFFER TO BOARD FILIPINO SCIENTISTS.
- 2. GOP, AFTER CONVENING LOS TEAM, HAS NOW ADVISED US IT CANNOT AFFORD COST OF SENDING SCIENTISTS TO SURABAYA FOR LEG TO CEBU, OR TO CEBU FOR LEG TO GUAM.
- 3. IT HAS REQUESTED ALTERNATIVELY RIGHT TO VISIT SHIP DURING CEBU STOPOVER, FEBRUARY 17-21. IT PROPOSES TO SEND THREE SCIENTISTS (CONRADO M. SANTOS, CHIEF GEOPHYSICIST, COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY; JOE ORDONEZ, FISHERIES EXPERT FROM BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES; FRANCISCO TOLENTINO, SPECIALY UNSPECIFIED, FROM NATIONAL SCIENCES DEVELOPMENT BOARD) TO CEBU ON THURSDAY, FEB 20, FOR VISIT THAT MORNING. WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE USEFUL EXPOSURE WHICH WE SHOULD FACILITATE.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED. STATE ADVISE THOMAS WASHINGTON

OF GOP SHIP CLEARANCE AND DESIRE TO VISIT SHIP FEB 20. SULLIVAN	
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